

Before The
THE COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
WASHINGTON, DC

In re:

**Distribution of Cable
Royalty Funds**

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) **CONSOLIDATED DOCKET NUMBER**
) **16-CRB-0009 CD (2014-17)**
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**COMMENTS OF THE CANADIAN CLAIMANTS GROUP
ON THE EXISTENCE OF CONTROVERSIES REGARDING THE 2014-2017 CABLE
ROYALTIES**

By Federal Register notice dated November 9, 2018, 83 Fed. Reg. 56106, the Copyright Royalty Judges (Judges) are requesting comments regarding whether controversies exist among claimants relating to distribution of the cable television retransmission royalty funds deposited with the U.S. Copyright Office for royalty years 2014 through 2017. The Canadian Claimants Group (“CCG”), hereby submits its comments concerning the 2014-2017 cable royalty funds.¹

Existence of Controversies

With respect to the Allocation Phase of the 2014-2017 cable royalty distribution proceedings, the shares of funds to be allocated to the CCG and the other Allocation Phase claimant groups are in controversy.

As to the Distribution Phase, there is currently a controversy with respect to the Canadian Claimant Group for the years 2015-2017. The CCG is also aware that one of its members, the

¹ The Canadian Claimants Group claims on behalf of television stations and copyright owners of all programs broadcast on Canadian television stations, except (1) live telecasts of Major League Baseball, National Hockey League, and U.S. college team sports, and (2) other programs owned by U.S. copyright owners.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, has Distribution claims for 2014-2017 for a portion of the Allocation Phase shares awarded to National Public Radio.

The CCG reserves the right to identify Distribution Phase controversies or make additional Distribution Phase claims in response to the rulings of the Copyright Royalty Board, the outcomes of the 2014-2017 Allocation Phase proceedings, or the evidence and filings submitted by other claimants.

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Respectfully Submitted

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